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INVENTION: "METHOD FOR OPERATING DEVICES FOR TRANSMITTING HIGH-BIT-RATE DATA ON AN EXTENSION LINE AND ARRANGEMENT HAVING SUCH DEVICES FOR DATA TRANSMISSION"

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO-1449 form, copies of which are enclosed herewith accompanied by English-language Derwent abstract, where required, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98, be made during the course of examination of the above-mentioned application for United States Patent. Except as provided, the undersigned does not possess English translations of the non-English references.

I. SUBMITTED UNITED STATES PATENT REFERENCES

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Patent Number</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
AA	5,781,728	Rybicki et al.	July 14, 1998

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II. SUBMITTED FOREIGN PATENT REFERENCES

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Patent Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
AL	43 03 210	Germany	August 11, 1994

III. SUBMITTED PUBLICATIONS

AR W. Pauler, "ADSL, Bandbreite für Alle", Funkschau, Vol. 13, 1998, pp. 22-29.

IV. REMARKS

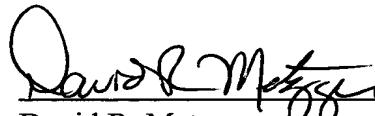
References AA, AL and AR are in the general field of the present invention. Reference AL, which is in German, discloses a transmission and reception of digital information. Reference AR is in German, and no English translation is presently available. However, if the Examiner desires such, Applicants will provide it upon request. Since references AA is in English, no further commentary concerning its teachings is necessary.

None of the above references discloses or suggests a method for operating devices for transmitting high-bit-rate data on an extension line or arrangement having such devices for data transmission as disclosed and claimed in the present invention.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), and no fee is necessary.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all claims of the application are patentably distinguishable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is, therefore, requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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